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MEMORANDUM FOR ALL CAP REGION AND WING COMMANDERS

FROM: CC

SUBJECT: Standardization of Corporate Owned Aircraft Reimbursement Rates

1. Some wings have established reimbursement procedures that allow members to fly corporate owned aircraft at lower hourly rates than those prescribed in CAPR 173-3, Payment for Civil Air Patrol Support. While holding down costs to our membership is an admirable goal, our corporation is facing financial challenges that no longer allow this practice to continue.
2. The rates listed in CAPR 173-3 were established by HQ CAP/LG following an in-depth analysis of our actual minor maintenance expenditures. These rates represent the real costs of maintaining our fleet in a safe and airworthy condition. There is no "pad" added and if we continue to fly and receive reimbursements that do not cover actual costs, the quality of our aircraft will deteriorate.
3. Effective immediately, please ensure that all CAP units' reimbursement rates for corporate owned aircraft are those listed in Attachment 1 of CAPR 173-3. It is important that we pay our fair share of the cost to maintain our fleet. Increasing the cost of flying will be a hardship for some of our members but there is no other option. Please feel free to address any questions you have to HQ CAP/LG.

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